

Backcountry Reservations

Backcountry Permit Reservation Instructions

Reservations for backcountry camping are not required, but are recommended if you are planning a trip. Reservations will be accepted beginning January 1 of each year. The park holds a random drawing on the third Thursday in January for all reservations received before this date. Reservation requests received on or after the third Thursday in January are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Fill out the application form. Please print legibly

Reservations are accepted by mail, fax or in person (do not email). Reservations must be postmarked or faxed at least 14 days prior to the first day listed on the backcountry itinerary. There are no phone reservations. Include reservation payment only (do not include the per night use fee).

Include \$15 reservation fee with your application. Payment may be made by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover), check (US funds) or money order. Make checks payable to the National Park Service. The fee is for the service of making a reservation, so once your reservation application has been reviewed and accepted, the fee cannot be refunded.

The user fee of \$5 per person, per night is required and payable only when you pick up your permit (no refunds).

Backcountry camping at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is limited to designated sites within 14 backcountry campgrounds. Groups consisting of 7-20 people must camp in designated group campsites. Individual campsites are available for camping parties of 1-6 people (2 tent limit). There is a 3 consecutive night limit at each campground.

All campsites are available for advance reservations. Before you make your trip plans, please read the entire backcountry camping brochure. (No reservations are available for the drive-in campgrounds: Little Beaver Lake, Twelvemile Beach, and Hurricane River.)

The backcountry use permit must be obtained in person (by a member of the camping party) and not more than 24 hours in advance of the first camping date at either the Visitor Information Center, Munising, or the Grand Sable Visitor Center, Grand Marais. Please plan your trip in accordance with visitor center hours. If you arrive after hours, you must wait until the next day to obtain your permit and begin your trip. NOTE: If you do not arrive on the first day of your scheduled trip, your entire itinerary may be cancelled unless you notify us! Reservations are held until 4 p.m. the first day on your itinerary.

Because the demand for reservations often exceeds the availability, please call us as soon as possible if you need to cancel a reservation.

We are unable to provide detailed trip planning services over the phone. It is your responsibility to plan and prepare your trip. Study the backcountry camping brochure to decide which campgrounds you want to reserve.

Once you have developed specific plans for your trip:

(1) Fill out the Backcountry Campsite Reservation Form (on reverse side). For each night, fill in the date (spell out the month) and campground you want to reserve (list down, not across.) Please list your preferred choice and two alternates. This allows us to choose an alternate request if your first request is not available. We choose only your first, second or third choice. We do not mix between choices. Listing alternate dates is helpful as well.

(2) Include reservation payment (\$15)

(3) Mail the form to: Backcountry Office/Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
P.O. Box 40
Munising, MI 49862-0040
or fax to 906-387-4457

(4) Confirmation of your reservation will be made by return mail.



Backcountry Campsite Reservation Form



PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE BACKCOUNTRY PERMIT RESERVATION APPLICATION

For NPS Use:

Date _____

Received by _____

Confirmation sent _____

Name _____ Number in party _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Is this an organized or guided trip?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If yes, please list group
affiliation/name(s):

The \$15 **reservation fee** must accompany the reservation request (non-refundable). Reservations must be postmarked or faxed **at least** 14 days prior to start of trip. Payment, in US funds, may be made by check, money order or credit card.

Denied requests will not incur a charge. **Changes to your reservation will result in an additional \$15 fee.**

The reservation fee does **not** apply towards the permit fee of \$5 per person per night, which must be paid when you pick up your permit (non-refundable).

(Spell Month)	Date	First Choice: Campsite	Date	Second Choice: Campsite	Date	Third Choice Campsite
Night 1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 6	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 7	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 8	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

We choose only your first, second or third choice. We do not mix between your choices.

OTHER OPTIONS: In order to secure a trip, can you accept minor changes to your requested itinerary? (check all that apply):

_____ similar/nearby campsites _____ reverse route _____ start date (what dates: _____)

Mail to:

Pictured Rocks NL,
Backcountry Office
PO Box 40 ☐
Munising MI 49862

...or **FAX** the completed form to
906-387-4457

Please be patient. You will receive a confirmation notice by mail as soon as your application is processed. If we are unable to process your request we will call you to discuss alternate options. Please allow up to two weeks to receive your confirmation letter. Please refrain from calling to check on your status so that we can process all applications more quickly.

Method of payment (US Funds only): _____ Check (payable to National Park Service) _____ Visa/MasterCard/Discover

Signature of Card holder _____

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date (Month/Year) _____ CVC code _____